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MICHAEL A. GERBER Interim dean and professor of law

June 2011

Dear Members of the Class of 2011:

On behalf of the faculty, administration, and staff, I want to congratulate you on your graduation from Brooklyn Law School. We know that the demands of law school have been immense, but that is precisely why you can take such pride in your achievement.

You are about to discover first-hand that, because you are a lawyer, you have enormous power to influence the course of private lives and public affairs. I am certain that you will exercise your influence with strength and grace, and with care and responsibility, because of who you are and because of the training that began here, at Brooklyn Law School.

Although you are graduating, you will continue to be members of the Brooklyn Law School family—a family spanning many generations—whose members can be found in law firms, government agencies, public interest law offices, and management suites across the country and around the world. There will be many "family gatherings" in the years to come, including class reunions, symposia, and social events. We look forward to seeing you at as many of them that your busy schedule will permit you to attend.

Best regards,

Sincerely,

Michael A. Gerber



To the Graduating Class of 2011:

Congratulations! We've done it – graduating law school. Pretty amazing on several levels:

Wonderful: Making new friends; meeting arrestingly smart and opinionated individuals who aren't afraid to challenge us; learning from and working with professors who are truly passionate about their work.

Remarkable: The publicity of our final year: the Diesel shoot and other controversies; always remember, "it's supposed to be hard."

Significant: The reign of our first black President and the appointment of the first Hispanic female to the Supreme Court.

Staggering: US unemployment reaches a sixteen-year high and horrendous natural disasters in places like Haiti and Japan; the Bernie Madoff scandal and the government bailout rock our financial sensibilities.

Surprising: How fast it went and in the end, how truly painless it was. We've come a long way from convocation, the Introduction to Law class, and those important looking red packets.

Astounding: Increasing our smarts and changing the way we think; we've learned an incredible amount these past few years. Surviving six sets of final exams definitely proves that.

Miraculous: Graduating from law school and becoming an unbeatable practicing attorney, graduating from law school and finally understanding your purpose, or even, graduating from law school and knowing you absolutely do not want to be a lawyer.

Startling: Joining the real world again. Although we began to get on each other's nerves, being in class with the same people every day, we can't deny how much that made us feel like family. I will miss seeing friendly faces in the elevators (or waiting for them to arrive).

Incredible: How bright our future is. We are armed with a strong set of tools, an obvious inner motivation and a JD. Let's have fun!

Mind-Blowing: I am writing this letter as the 1Ls finish their briefs and prepare for moot court tryouts. It makes me smile to see them in their suits, nervously pacing and rehearsing out loud. It is the strongest reminder for me of where we came from and how quickly we've reached this point.

I've had an amazing time serving as your student body President. Allow me to thank you for that opportunity. I sincerely wish you all the best of luck with whatever life brings you.



President, Student Bar Association Class of 2011

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Convocation

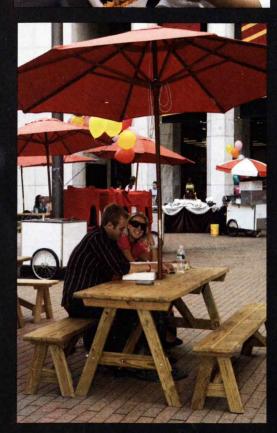




First Class Party













Sara Robbins Memorial Spelling Bee













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Pro bono Fair



Haiti Fundraiser

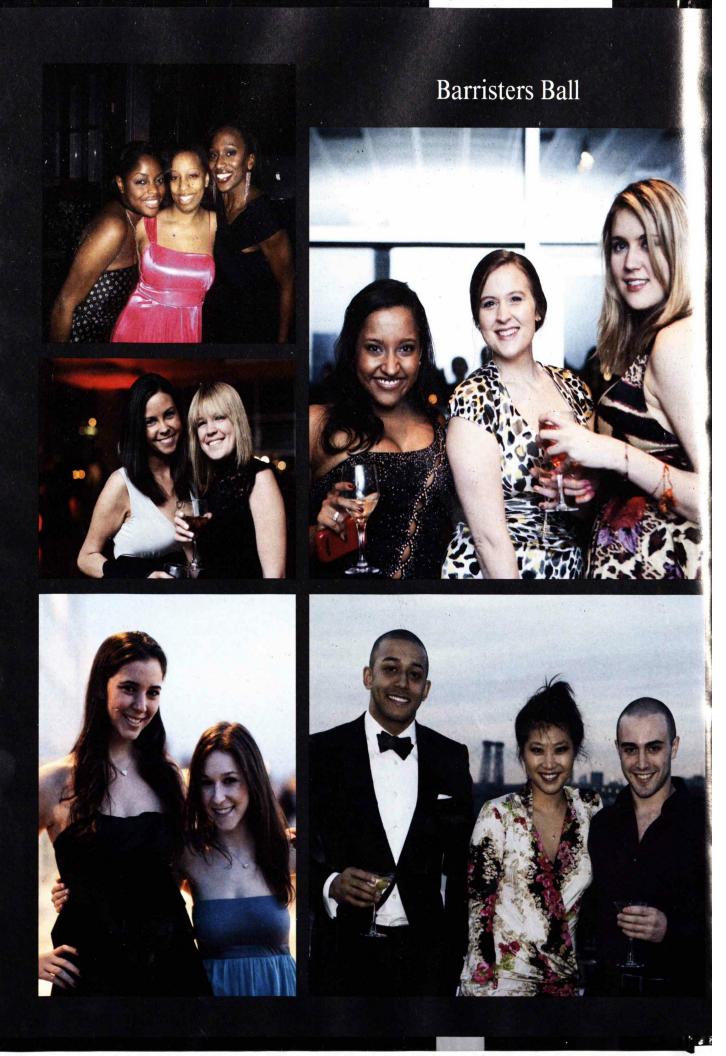
New York City Bar Association Lunch







The United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces





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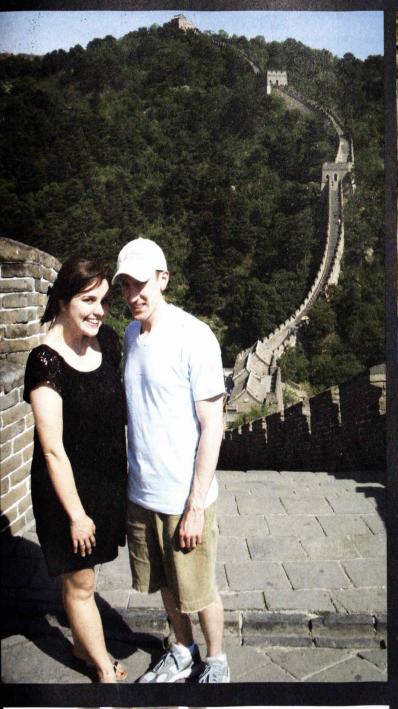








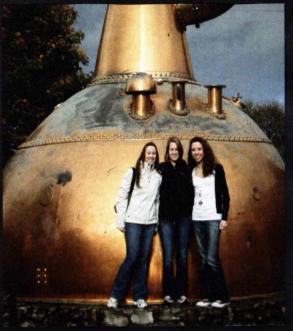










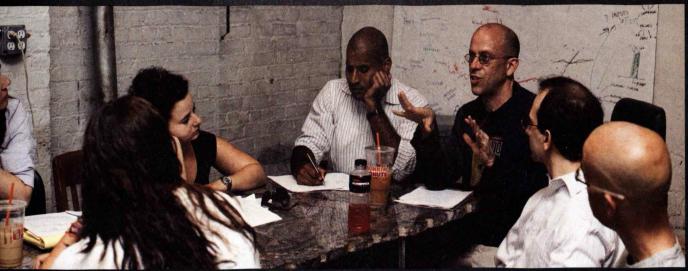


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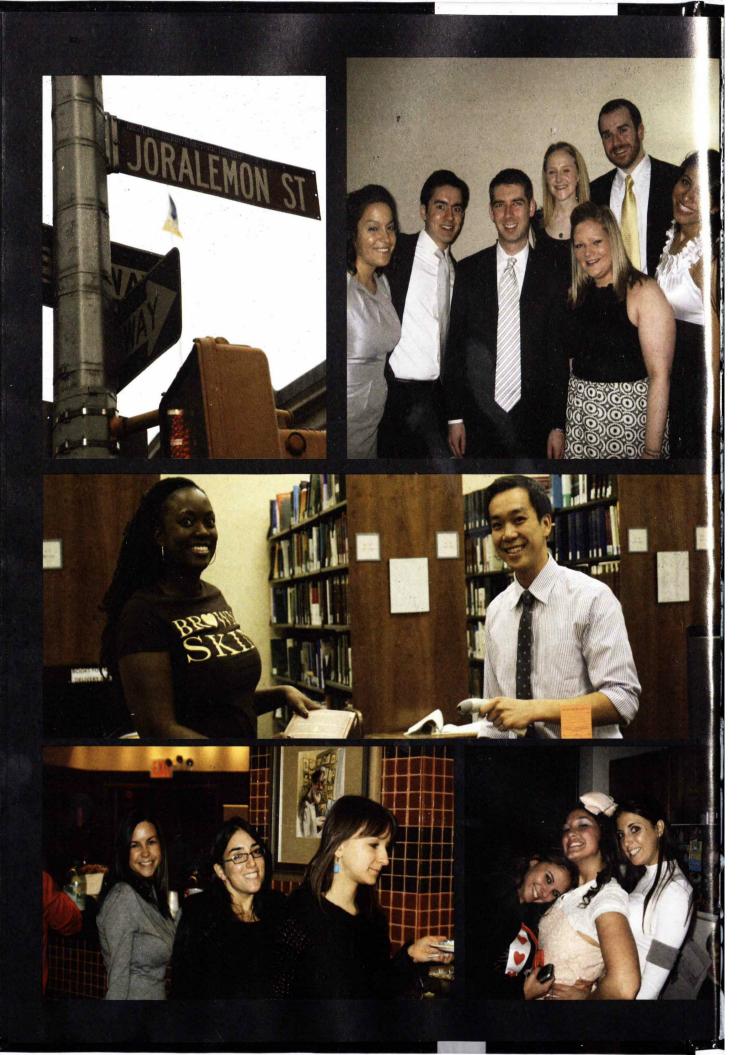


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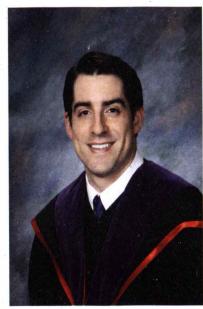




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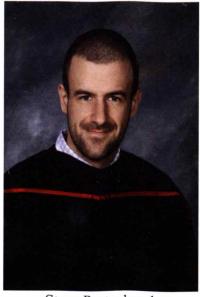
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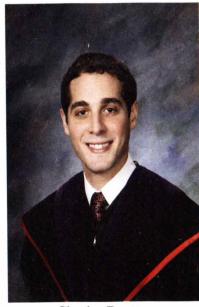
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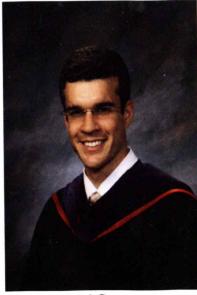
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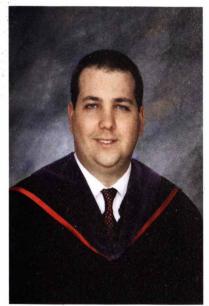
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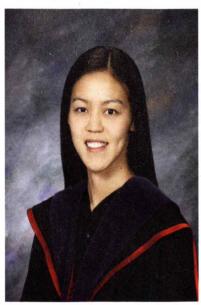
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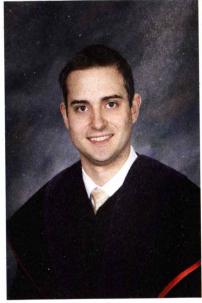
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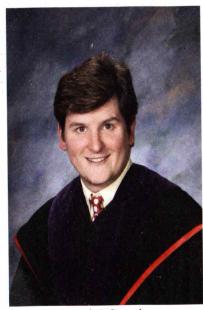
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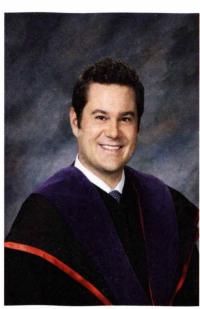
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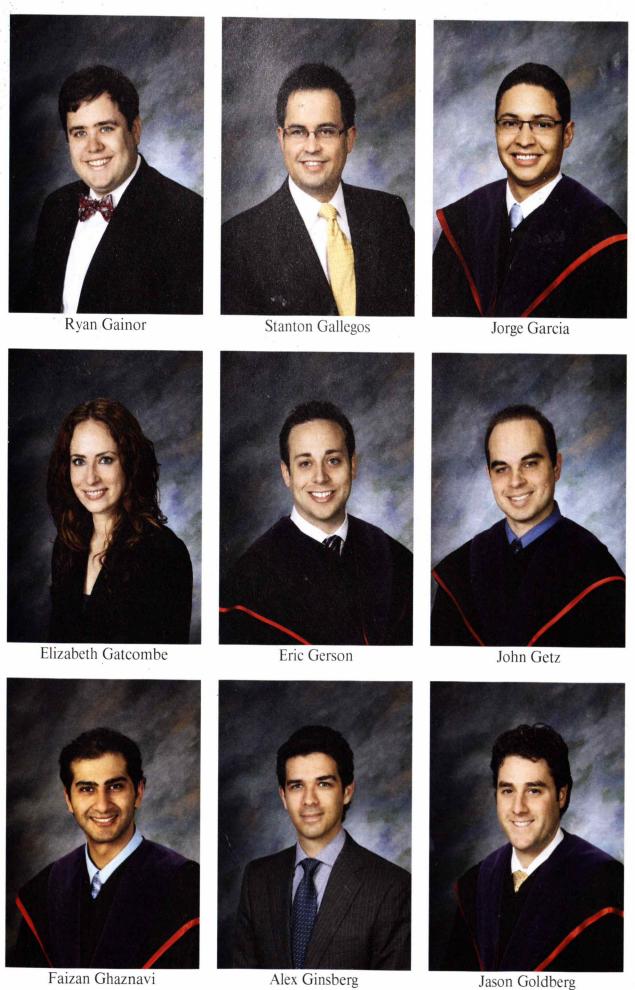
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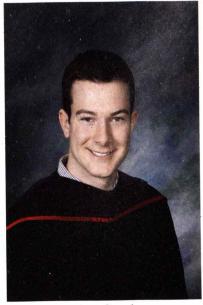


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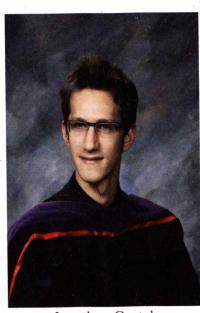
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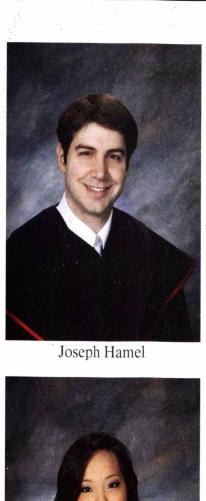
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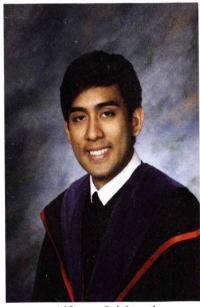




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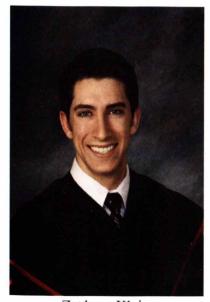
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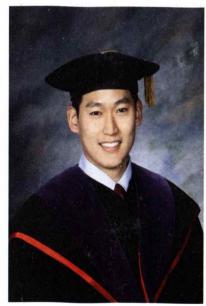
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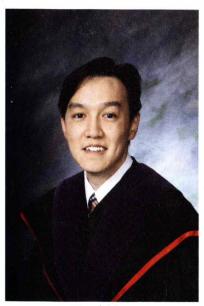
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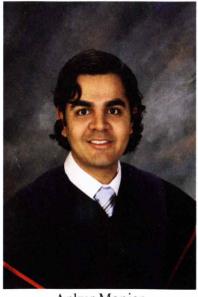
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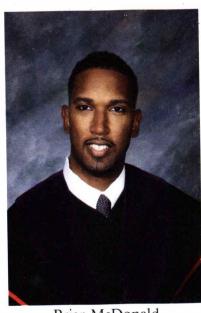
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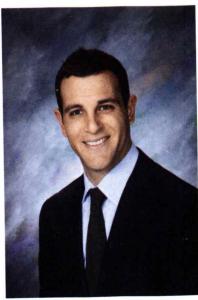
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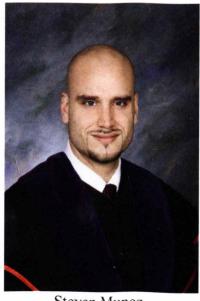
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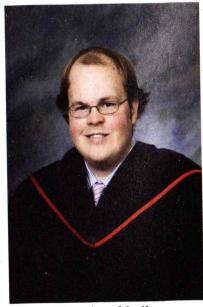
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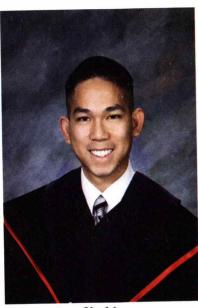
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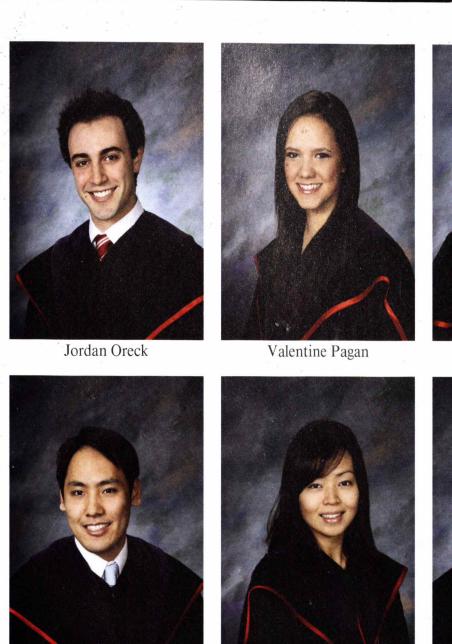


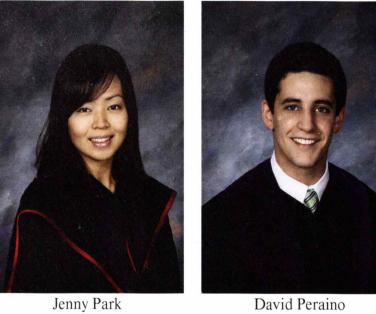
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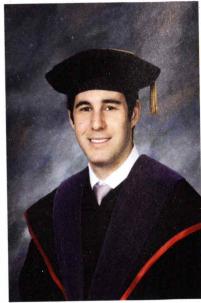




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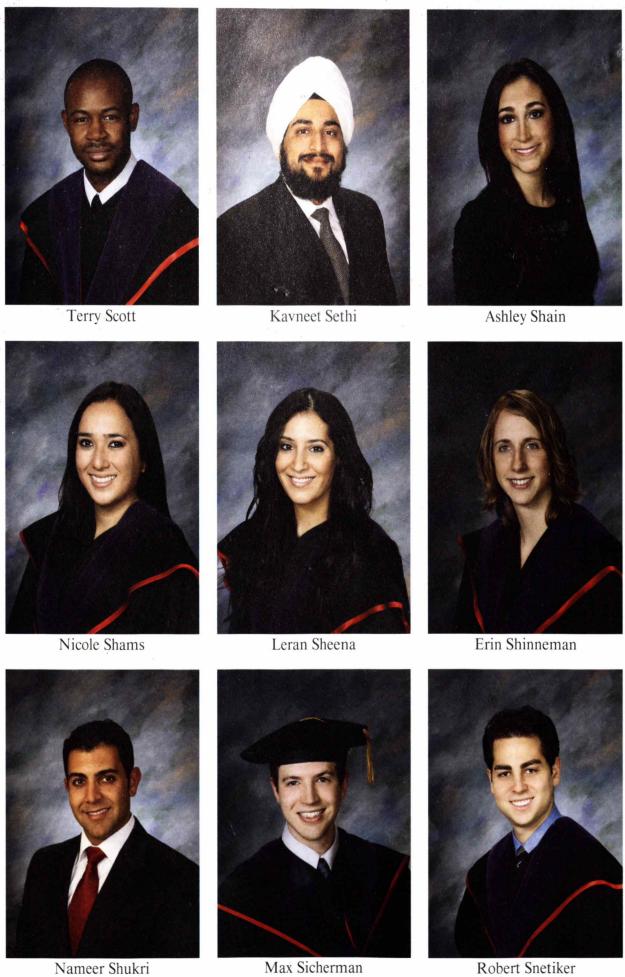


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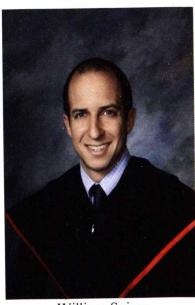
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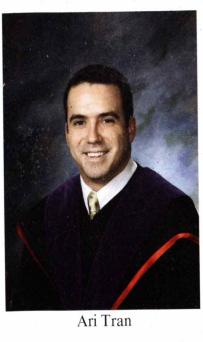
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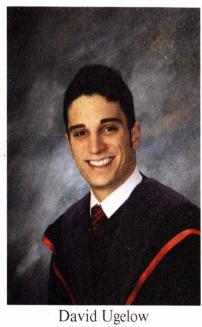
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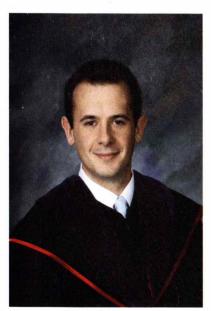




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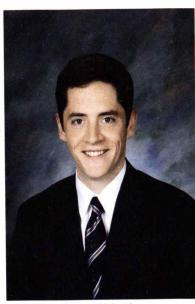
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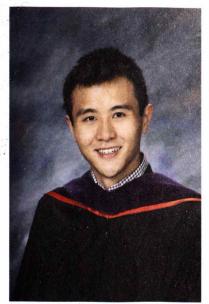
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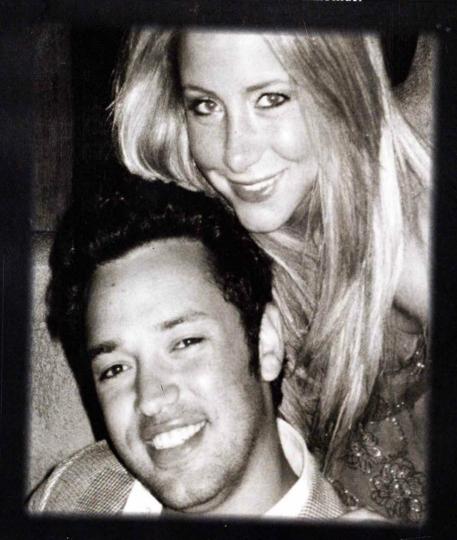
In Memory of Justin Ingerman

In March of 2009, BLS lost a dynamic member of our community - Justin Ingerman. Justin was a person whose passion and love for life were evident to anyone who was lucky enough to spend time with him. If you knew Justin well, you knew that he treasured his relationships with his family and his friends. It was because he made every single one of the people close to him

know how grateful he felt to have them in his life and how deeply he cared about them personally, that the loss of Justin from this world hit everyone in a different, but extremely sad way. Justin was not just a law student, friend, son, or brother. Justin Ingerman was one of a kind. He enjoyed discussions and debates centering on anything from sports to politics to history. He loved reading and drawing and painting. His sneaker collection was unparalleled.

Though his time here was unfairly cut short, he will forever be remembered for the extraordinary and unique person that he was. Every time that I see a reminder of something from our time together, or recall a memory or (inevitably) crazy adventure that we shared, I will feel a pang of sadness, but I will also smile because I was one of the lucky ones who got to really know Justin. The son, brother, friend, BLS student, and amazing individual that Justin Ingerman was will live on in our memories forever. He is truly missed.

-- Rimma Bukhbinder





Michael Gerber *Interim Dean*



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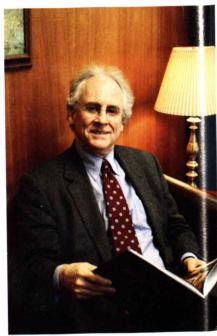


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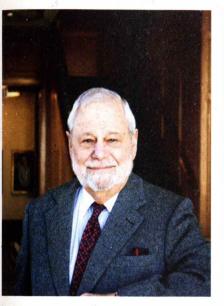
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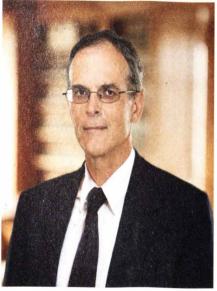
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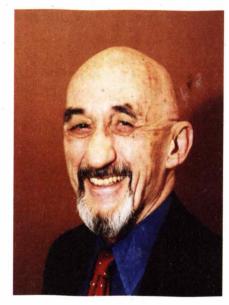
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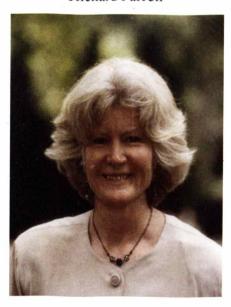
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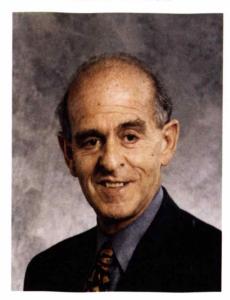
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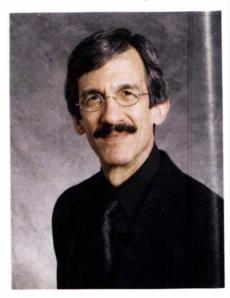
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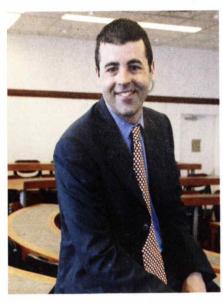
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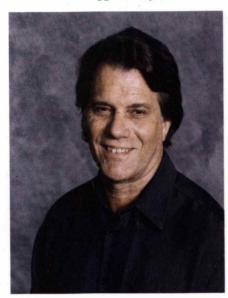
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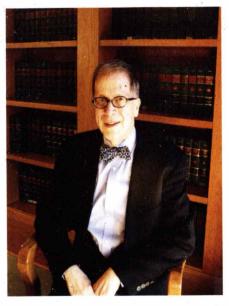
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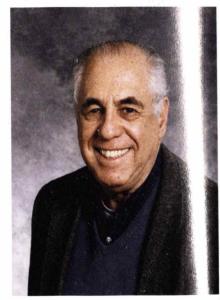
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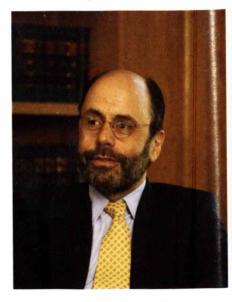
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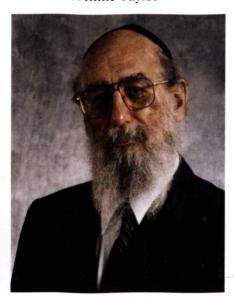
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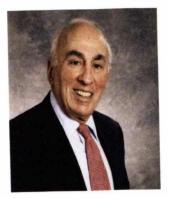
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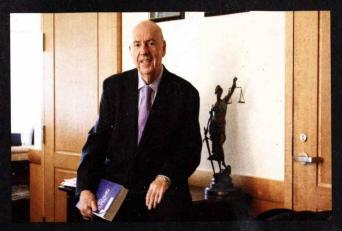
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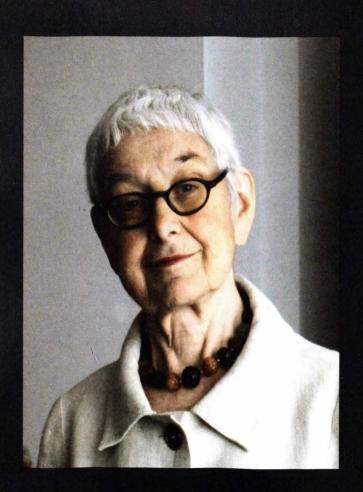
In Memory of The Honorable Judge David Trager



With the passing of District Judge David G. Trager, Brooklyn Law School lost an extraordinary and beloved colleague, teacher, trustee, former dean and great friend. As a young lawyer, Judge Trager trained under the trial lawyer Emile Zola Berman, and then served as law clerk to New York State Court of Appeals Judge Kenneth Keating and Chief Judge Stanley Fuld. He then began a career that combined law school teaching and public service. He served as Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York and Chief of the Appeals Division. In 1972, he joined the faculty of Brooklyn Law School, with which he was associated until his death. In 1974, was appointed United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York. In 1978, Judge Trager returned to Brooklyn Law School, where he taught Constitutional Law and Conflict of Laws and, in 1983, was appointed Dean of the Law School. During his tenure as Dean, the School made great progress in virtually every area. Under his leadership, the School embarked on what was at the time the most ambitious capital expansion program in its history, including construction of an architecturally acclaimed addition to the School's main building and the purchase of the School's first residence halls. Judge Trager was a formidable multi-tasker. While serving as Dean, he also served as Chair of the State Commission of Investigation, as a member of the New York City Charter Revision Commission, as President of the Federal Bar Council, and as Chairman of Mayor Koch's Committee on the Judiciary. In 1993, he was appointed United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, and continued his affiliation with Brooklyn Law School as a member of the Board of Trustees, as an Adjunct Professor, and as a mentor to the many BLS graduates who clerked and the BLS students who interned in his chambers.

In Memory of Professor Margaret Berger

Margaret Berger was remarkable in so many ways. An outstanding teacher, creative and productive scholar, invaluable participant in the school's governance structure, and supportive colleague, she contributed beyond measure to Brooklyn Law School over the course of 35 years. In the wider academic and professional communities, she was a star, recognized as a true pioneer in the law of evidence. Beyond the law, she was a passionate reader, opera goer, Mets fan, gourmet cook, and treasured friend. She gave every activity her total commitment. She will be sorely missed.



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Student Bar Association



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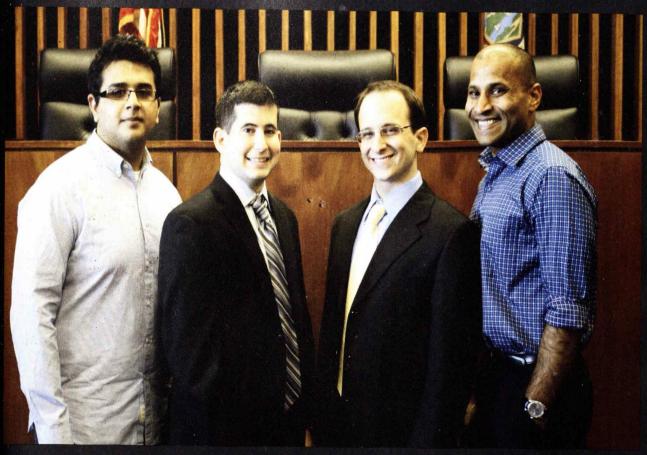
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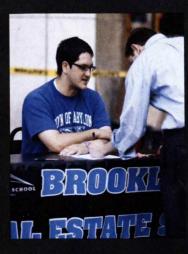
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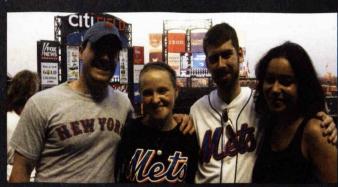
















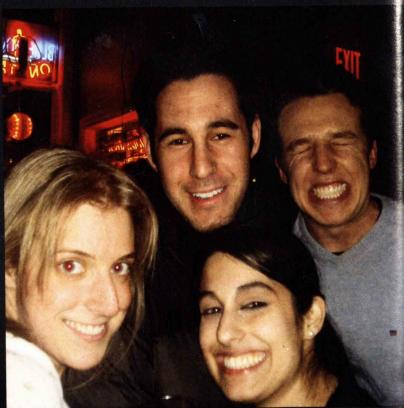


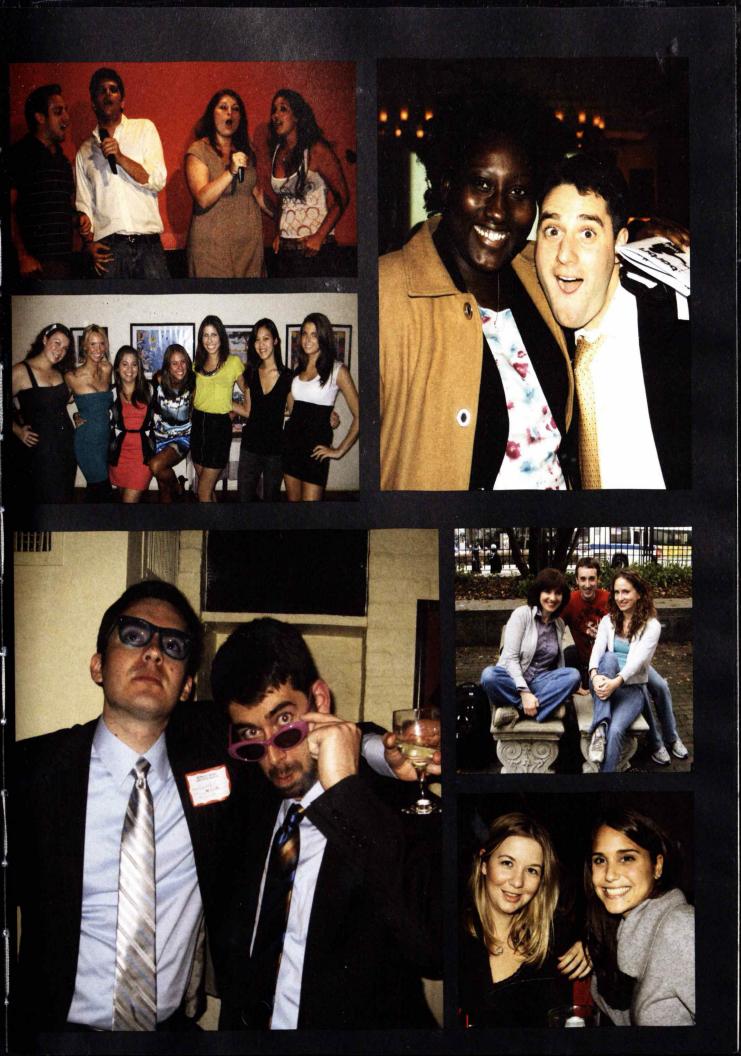




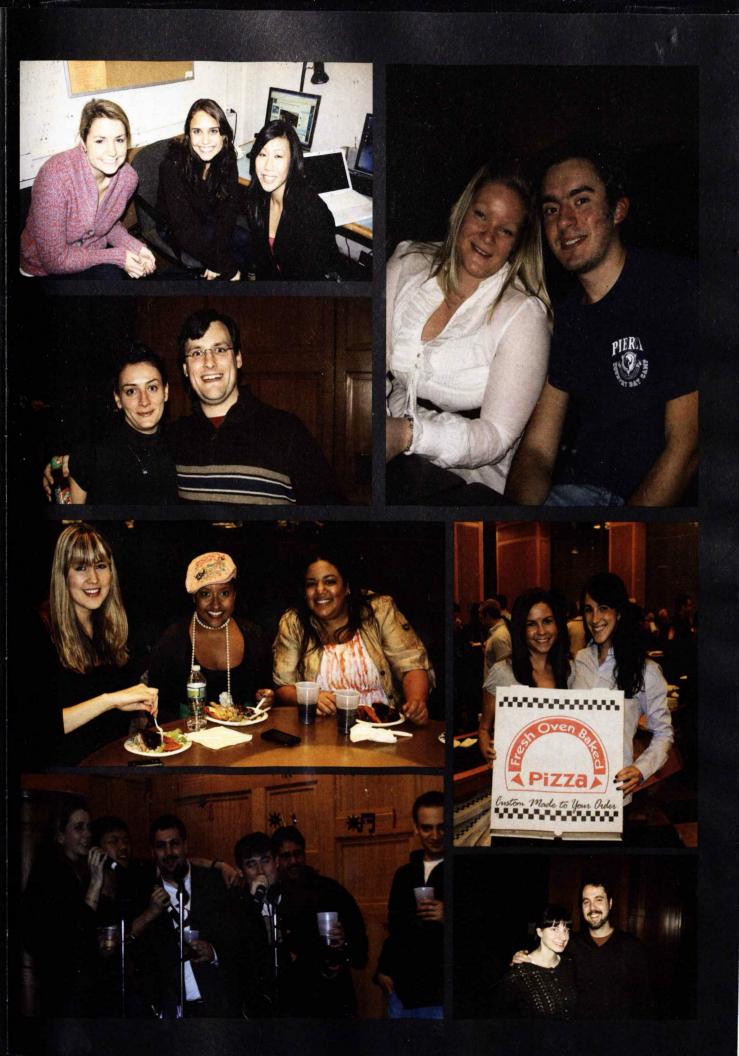










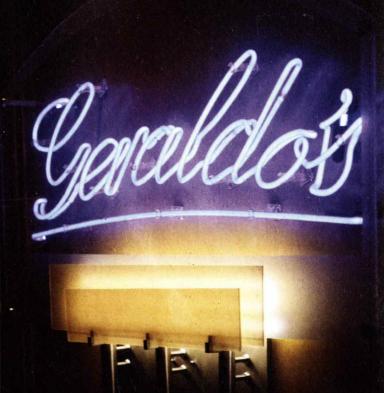




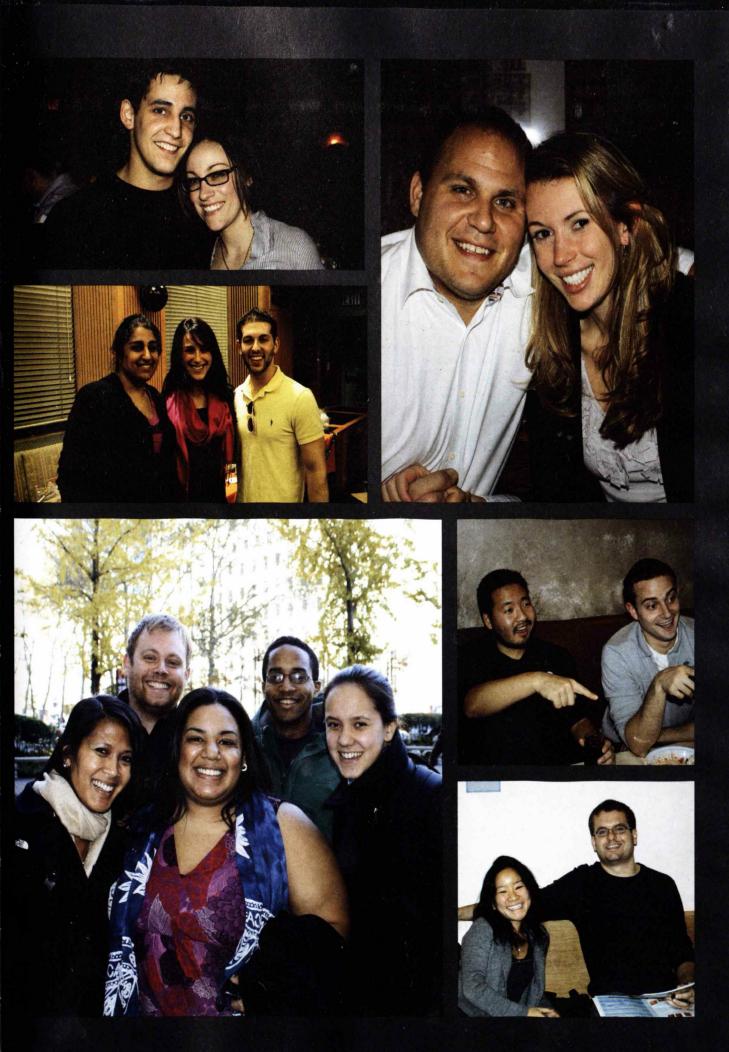




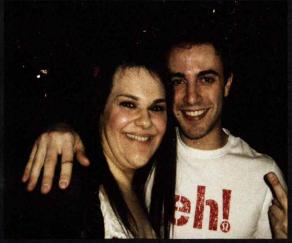








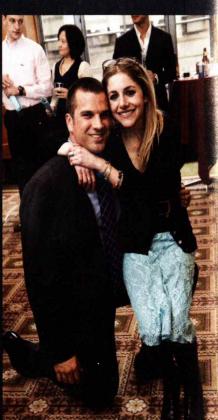








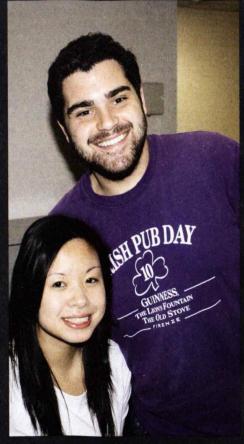




















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In Loving Memory of Our Dear Friend Alison Blair Matela

May 20, 1982 - April 3, 2011



"When someone's basic humanity, dignity, rights are at stake, telling them to wait for everyone to come around is the blatantly immoral position."

- Alison Matela, Constitutional Law TWEN Discussion Board

Alison was passionate about how the law can change the world for the better. She was more than a law student. She was a progressive and critical thinker, a motivated advocate, and above all, a true friend.

She was a strong believer in the power of technology and how it can advance society, but she always made time to create personal connections with everyone she met, friends and strangers alike.

Our lives are much richer for having known her. We mourn her loss, but she continues to inspire us to live with the same generosity of spirit that she had.